

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**December 12, 2011**

City of Chula Vista, Council Chambers  
276 Fourth Avenue

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** By Chair Stillman at 4:04 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Stillman, Commissioners Coleman, Davis, Kappes, Rahimzadeh, and Vargas

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Commissioner Romo

**MOTION TO EXCUSE:** Commissioner Romo, excused

**STAFF PRESENT:** Public Works Director Hopkins, Assistant Director Quilantan, Environmental Resource Manager Reed, Building Official El-Khazen, Recycling Specialist Medrano, Office Specialist DiDonato, and Sr. Secretary Fields

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Minutes of November 14, 2011 were approved with Commissioner Vargas abstaining.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Proposed Cool Roof Ordinance

Building Official Lou El-Khazen's presentation covered the following areas:

- An outline and background of the project
- How cool roofs operate, the energy saving factors and the benefits
- Tier 1 and 2 building standards
- Local practices and staff research
- CEC application and review
- Cost Effectiveness Study
- Average incremental cost
- Climate Zones 7 and 10 results & observations
- Recommendations to Council
- Boards and Commissions recommendations
- Expiration and future amendments

El-Khazen then responded to questions and comments.

Action: Commissioner Rahimzadeh made a motion that the Resource Conservation Commission recommend that City Council adopt the proposed Cool Roof ordinance. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **2. SDG&E General Rate Case II Proposal**

Environmental Resource Manager Brendan Reed presented this item. He discussed the GRC impacts on solar customers and went over the network use charge. He stated that the City is an intervener in the case, along with several other agencies and groups. He added that this will be an 8-10 month process, which had just started last Friday, and is at the very beginning. He talked about the effects this will have on the City and talked about the CCSE analysis and CCSE's concerns. Reed also presented samples of typical cost impacts to residents, school districts, and water districts. He then responded to questions from the board.

Action: Commissioner Coleman made a motion that the Resource Conservation Commission recommend that City Council continue its efforts to protest the solar rate design changes included in SDG&E's General Rate Case II proceeding. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. RCC Action Plan Discussion – This item was postponed until the next meeting.

## **DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

- Our compressed natural gas dispenser was updated and operating at the Maxwell Public Works facility about two months ago. In the month of October, we used 370 gallons of gas equivalents, and over 2000 gallons of gas equivalents in November, so we're really starting to see use pick up.
- Asked additional Commissioners to sign up for the Bring Your Own Bag event on the 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Mentioned a new exhibit at the Nature Center, which utilizes washed up plastics as a material for art. A future RCC meeting may be held at the Nature Center so the board can see the exhibit.

## **CHAIR COMMENTS**

None


## **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

- Commissioner Coleman mentioned that the next Wildlife Advisory Group meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday, but that there is no quorum at this time, so it's possible the meeting may be cancelled.
- Commissioner Coleman commented regarding the solar rate increase that people who learn about this who might have been contemplating solar may now be reluctant, and that the more information out there for the public, and the more the City and other interveners can do to bring people into the process will really help the cause.

- Commissioner Vargas shared information about a web-based quality of life survey for the County of San Diego that the board may want to review.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m. to a regular meeting on Monday, January 9, 2012, at 4:00 pm in Executive Conference Room 103, Building 300, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910.

Prepared by:

  
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Sr. Secretary